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Axially Compressible Artificial Intervertebral Disc Having a Captured Ball and
Socket Joint With a Solid Ball and Compression Locking Post

(Title of the Invention)

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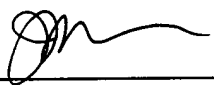

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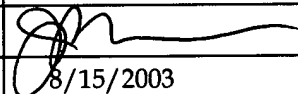
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Application No./Patent No.: _____ Filed/Issue Date: 8/15/2003
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